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1 **The Associated Students of the University of Montana**
2 **Resolution Amending Bylaws for Student Group Liaisons**
3 **September 9th, 2015**

4 **SB07-15/16**

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6 **Sponsored by:**

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8 Whereas, The Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) is bound by its
9 bylaws;

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11 Whereas, ASUM represents nearly 200 student groups;

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13 Whereas, student groups participate in a wide spectrum of events and activities that bring value
14 to their members, the student experience, and the University of Montana;

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16 Whereas, communication from student groups to the ASUM Senate is often limited to requests
17 for funding;

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19 Whereas, the communication to student groups from ASUM Senate is largely indirect and may
20 not be effective;

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22 Whereas, ASUM holds an annual budgeting period, annual recognition requirement, and
23 biannual travel funding periods, in addition to special allocation processes.

24 Whereas, the aforementioned processes can be confusing and/or overwhelming to student
25 groups;

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27 Therefore, Let It Be Resolved; that the ASUM Bylaws, Article III, Section 2 be amended to
28 read:

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30 ***“B. All ASUM Senators shall serve as a Student Group Liaison to a minimum of four (4)***
31 ***student groups.***

- 32 • ***Student Group Liaisons will be appointed by the Vice President in collaboration with***
33 ***the President, and Business Manager.***
- 34 • ***The liaison will be responsible for communicating with the student group about***
35 ***pertinent ASUM activities such as, but not limited to; fall group recognition, fall and***
36 ***spring travel requests, annual budgeting expectations and deadlines, open senate***
37 ***seats, relevant ASUM business, etc.***
- 38 • ***The liaison will be responsible to communicate any pertinent student group activities***
39 ***such as, but not limited to; meeting times, special events, and awards/recognition to***
40 ***the Vice President, Business Manager, and/or Senate.***
- 41 • ***The liaison will attend a minimum of one student group meeting per semester for each***
42 ***of their assigned student groups.***
- 43 • ***The liaison must cc the Vice President and Business Manager in their initial***
44 ***correspondence with each of their assigned student groups.***
- 45 • ***Liaisons will be expected to stand for questions before the Senate in the absence of a***
46 ***member of their assigned student groups.***

- 47 • *Liaisons will be expected to advocate for and/or convey relevant information for the*
48 *student groups for whom they serve as the liaison when the group's requests are*
49 *being considered by the Senate."*
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51 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, that the consecutive Items in the ASUM Bylaws, Article
52 III, Section 2 be adjusted to reflect these changes.
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54 Passed by Committee: _____, 2015
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56 Passed by ASUM Senate: _____, 2015
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60 Kaitlin Hopingardner,
61 Chair of Relations & Affiars

Betsy Story,
Chair of the Senate